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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20544 Re: WT Docket 11-65

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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As a state that depends on broadband and infrastructure for all of our consumers and businesses, including hospitals, schools, and small businesses, the AT&T and T-Mobile agreement is encouraging news. Expansion of mobile connectivity to 46.5 million more people covering 1.2 million more square miles will ensure the ability for businesses to compete locally and globally, and for Colorado companies to continually stay strong. We strongly support the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

The benefits of mobile broadband are particularly important to Coloradans - many of whom would not get access to 4G LTE technology without this merger. Colorado has been a regional leader in technology and innovation, and this proposed agreement will further position us as a great place to do business and call home.

We have heard Governor Hickenlooper acknowledge and encourage the importance to lead the way for Colorado's economic and business strength, and we all recognize the slow adoption of broadband in our state. Gaining access to mobile broadband through this merger would be significant progress for businesses of all sizes that rely on such technology and would allow them to move forward in competing on a national and global scale, especially those who are smaller in size.

In fact, 90% of Colorado's companies are small business, which means broadband is even more important to our state's health. We also are proud that Colorado is home to many resources and some of the brightest in the technology industry and entrepreneurship, so again, the better our telecommunications infrastructure, the better our businesses and individuals have the environment in which to innovate and prosper. Advancing our state's broadband connectivity would be widely embraced.

CSIA, the Colorado Technology Association, represents more than 5,500 software, hardware and IT services companies, and 150,000 IT workers throughout the state, and on behalf of all of our industry, we thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this issue.

We fully support this merger and respectfully ask for your support.

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